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Invention: MULTIAXIAL CONNECTION FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 31, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time thereby extending the time for responding to the Official Action from January 31, 2006 to and including March 31, 2006 is submitted herewith.